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Re Application of:

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For: DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING
SYSTEM, AND ITS CONTROL
METHOD

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Examiner: M. Nguyen

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Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed, together with a copy of the Japanese Final Rejection dated April 3, 2006 citing these references.

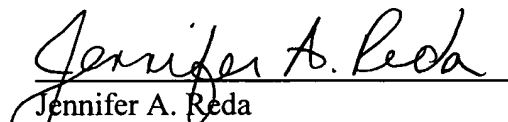
For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2000-047771 and Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 2000-047772, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstracts.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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